



### Life Course

Childhood Resilience Factor

### Brief Name

Spending on Health/Wellness  
Promotion

### Indicator

Dollars spent on mental health and substance abuse prevention by state agencies, per resident.

### Description

This metric is an approximation of the state's fiscal investment in mental health promotion as reported by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and sorted to include money spent on prevention services, such as health education, temporary cash assistance, abuse and neglect prevention, and programs specifically aimed at reducing ACEs in young children such as Brighter Futures. This includes state dollars only, with no county funding.

### Importance

Many mental health problems that coalesce in adulthood can be prevented or reduced in severity by prevention, early identification and referral to services (Van Landeghem, 2007). Furthermore, specific programs funded through health promotion and illness prevention dollars have been shown to improve children's test scores, decrease alcohol and drug use, and reduce teen pregnancy (Aos, 2004).

### Limitations

Direct outcomes for participants of these programs are not always captured.

The funding allocation for health and wellness was calculated at the state level, though some state money is provided in block grants to the counties for local allocation towards prevention or treatment. County funding directed to health and wellness was estimated.

### Source

Financial information from the Informational Papers 24, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 56, 60, Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, 2015, accessed through the Office of Children's Mental Health Annual Report to the Legislature, (2015). Population data from Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health, Population Module, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/population/form.htm>. Aos, Steve, et al. "Benefits and costs of prevention and early intervention programs for youth." (2004). Accessed at [www.wsipp.wa.gov](http://www.wsipp.wa.gov). Van Landeghem, Karen, and Catherine A. Hess. "Children's Mental Health: An Overview and Key Considerations for Health System Stakeholders." Washington, DC: The National Institute for Health Care Management and Educational Foundation (2005). Accessed at <http://www.nihcm.org/pdf/CMHReport-FINAL.pdf>.

### WI US Best Worst

\$237 Not Available  
per resident  
Year

Fiscal Year 2014/2015

### Numerator

Dollars spent on programs aimed to support social and emotional development of children, to prevent child abuse and other ACEs

### Denominator

Residents (All Ages)